SENATOR BROWN **REPLIES TO HUGHES**

Hold New York's Executive Is Wrong in Attitude on Income Tax Amendment.

THE GOVERNOR STANDS ALONE

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Washington, Feb. 21 -Admitting that he had "greater respect for New York in the senate than for New York out of the senate," Senator Brown of Ne braska, author of the income tax amendment, today joined the debating society composed of Gov. Hughes on the one side and some of the members of the United States senate on the

Mr. Brown spoke in the senate to the resolution of Senator Borah directing the senate committee on the judicary to make an inquiry concerning the legal effect upon state securities of the adoption of the income tax amendment to the Constitution.

He devoted his efforts especially to demonstrating that the New York governor had been wrong in his assumption that the amendment would have the effect of laying a burden on the states.

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nouncement as an evidence of opposition Mr. Brown declared that in his antagonism, Gov. Hughes stands alone among all the governors who have addressed their legislatures on the subject of the amendment.

"Alabama, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey and other states have governors who not only favor conferring the power," he said, "but favor the proposed amendment, which, if adopted, confers the power. It cheers our hearts to read in the press that President Taft agrees with the governor of New Jersey, who, in his message to his legislature on Feb. 7, and since the New York message was transmitted, took immediate and direct issue with the governor of New York."

Calling attention to the fact that no one in Congress or out had pointed to

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the possible effect of the amendment on the state affairs, Mr. Brown said:
"In this body the state of New York enjoys representation of the highest character and most eminent ability, and yet New York, on the roll call, as shown in The Congressional Record, was in favor of this amendment as it passed Congress and was silent as to any suggestion that the language was faulty. I have greater respect for New York in the senate than I have for New York out of the senate on this question.
"The fathers provided that amendments to the Constitution should be ratified by state legislatures. Approval of the governors is not required. They do not even have the power to veto a legislative ratification resolution of any proposed amendment, although I suppose as a friend of the

state, a sort of amicus curiae, a governor may volunteer a harmiess veto in advance of action by the legislature if he chooses to do so."

Senator Brown contended that the amendment does not alter or modify the relation today existing between the states and the federal government.
"That relation will remain the same under the amendment as it is today without the amendment," he said.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

"It is conceded by all that the government cannot, under the present Constitution, tax securities or state lay its taxing finger on federal bonds or federal agencies. Each is beyond the reach of the other, so far as taxation is concerned. The proposed amendment in no sense seeks, nor can it reasonably be argued to suggest, any change in the independent or sovereign rights of either sovereignty as enjoyed and defined by the courts ever since the government was organized.

"Sstill it does not follow, even if Governor Hughes were right, that the amendment should be rejected. On the contrary, it follows, why it should be ratified because, under interpretation, all incomes would be treated allke. No exemptions would be allowed and no exceptions permitted, save as Congress might and should exempt all incomes up to a certain amount."

Arguing that, as the safety of the state depends on the safety of the nation, he said:

"Should a foreign fleet bombard the city of New York, I can imagine the borrowing capacity of the Empire state might be impaired. But the impairment would be measured by the danger the assault brought to the republic. In other words, New York's credit will be protected in proportion to the ability of the federal company to protect itself against the enemy.

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"When regiments must be equipped and armed; when battleships must be rushed to the scene of danger without counting the cost, this government should have the power to lay its tax upon the incomes of those who have them. I hope the emergency I have described may never arise. But, should it come, the republic should be clothed with full power and ample authority to lay a just share of the burden upon the income of the whole country." to lay a just share of the burden upon the income of the whole country."

He declared that, if New York should reject the amendment, it would do so because of inherent objections to any tax on incomes, and not because of any fear of the effect on her borrowing capacity. Indeed, the experience of all income-taxing nations had shown that the credit of the state is not impaired by imposling a tax on its bonds.

Asserting that the perpetuity of this nation's government depends on the co-existence of the state and federal authority, Senator Brown said that neither could be destroyed by an amendment to the Constitution. If that must result at all, it must come through revolution, and he did not believe revolution to be in sight.

THIEVES SHOWED WHITE FEATHER WHEN RESISTED

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Thieves showed the white feather in two instances last night when resisted by intended victims, and fled.

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In one place a woman threw her arms around a burglar's neck and held him so tightly that he was obliged to throw off his coat in order to escape.

In another instance, two armed robbers were put to flight by a string of bologna sausages hurled into their faces.

Mrs. Fred Brona saw a burglar climbing out through the basement window of her home. She caught him by the legs and pulled him back into the basement. Then she threw her arms about his neck and screamed for help. The thief struck at her and struggled but was unable to free himself. He finally succeeded in dragging his arms from the sleeves of his coat and left Mrs. Brona holding the garment as he jumped through the open window.

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Two robbers, one armed with a pistol and the other with a billy and both with blackened faces entered the grocery of Herman Barnikow, 2242 Belmont avenue last night.

"We want your money" sald the robber with the revolver.

Barnikow seized a string of sausages and threw them striking the robber squarely in the face.

The suddenness of the attack surprised the intruders who fied with Barnikow in hot pursuit. Barnikow, who weighs nearly 300 pounds, chased the man for two blocks but they outran him and escaped.

PITTSBURG'S SMOKE PROTECTON AGAINST COLD

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—The pall of smoke that is said to perpetually hang over Pittsburg proved a blanket of protection zgainst the coldest weather of the winter, according to Weather Forecaster Will. With temperatures ranging from four to 10 below zero reported from various sections of the surrounding country this morning zero had not been reached notwithstanding the weather man had sent out the statement that it would reach four below.

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it, was the excuse from the weather-works when inquiry was made for the promised cold wave.

REFUSES TO PAY TAXES WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A committee of women taxpayers appointed last Saturday to champion the cause of Miss Belle Squire, who has refused to pay her personal property tax without representation, met yesterday and formulated resolutions for further action.

Two questions are to be put before the meeting arranged for Saturday. If the county collector gives no further attention to the failure of Miss Squire to pay her taxes, well and good. Chicago women then will have a perfect right to do likewise and when appealed to for payment, can cite the fact that Miss Squire has not been forced to pay and use that as an excuse to continue the policy adopted.

On the other hand, if tax collectors attempt to levy on property owned by Miss Squire it will be unged that the new organization at once ask an injunction restraining collectors from confiscating her property.

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In attempting to charge up the deficit in his Department against the magazines the Postmaster-General has done the country a genuine, even if an unintentional, service. He has drawn attention to the necessity for a thorough reorganization of the Postal Department. He has emphasized the importance of taking the Post-Office out of politics. for all time.

The Fifty-ninth Congress authorized an investigation of postal affairs, and a joint commission, headed by Senator Penrose and Representative Overstreet, made a thorough investigation of the whole subject. As a result, the Overstreet bill, which contains many excellent recommendations, was presented. It is not from guesswork that we have concluded that the Department is in need of radical reorganization, but from the official reports of this Joint Congressional Postal Commission and of the disinterested accountants hired by it to investigate the business methods of the Department. We quote from these reports, remembering that the findings and criticisms are not ours, but those of a Congressional Commission and its authorized agents. First read these recommendations from the preliminary report of the Joint Postal Commission, in this week's number of

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Then read these extracts from the report of the public accountants employed by the Joint Commission:

"The service has grown from small beginnings over a long period of years, hampered by restrictive laws which may have been necessary in the past and may even now be considered necessary to some extent for a Government department, but which would render it practically impossible for any private business to survive.

"The general absence of any efficient methods of accounting has been brought to light by the inquiry carried out by the Joint Commission on second-class mail matter. This report was referred to Congress on January 30, 1907, and our investigation has confirmed the impression gathered from the study of it, that the whole of these methods are crude in the extreme and such as no private business concern or corporation could follow without the certainty of loss, if not of financial disaster."

There are half-a-dozen more of these extracts on the Editorial page of this week's issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

In the Joint Postal Commission's report of 1907 we find:

"As an indication of the views at present entertained it is proper to say that the commission is profoundly impressed with the wisdom of the accountant's report in recommending the following:

"That the actual direction of the business of the Post-Office Department and postal service be committed to an officer with necessary assistants to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for long terms, so as to insure the continuity of efficient service, and that the Postmaster-General, as a member of the Cabinet, be chargeable only with general supervisory control and the determination of questions of policy."

We ask Congress to give us a Director of Posts-as recommended by the Joint Congressional Committee of 1907, an officer who shall be non-political, and whose term of service shall not be subject to political changes, and who shall conduct the workings of the Post-Office Department with the efficiency, economy and businesslike methods which distinguish high-class American business enterprise.

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